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R. A. Congress Elects New Officers



Louis McCraw, Jackson (left above) was elected Ambassador-in-chief for south Mississippi at the Royal Ambassador Congress held last Friday and Saturday at the First Church, Brookhaven.

Other officers elected were, left to right, Joe Bryant, Bogue Chitto, first assistant Ambassador-in-chief; Lewis Wilson, Jackson, recorder; and Billy Dunaway, McComb, steward. In the center of picture is Joel Ray, Jackson, state R. A. secretary.

A total of 769 boys were registered for the event which began at 2 p.m. Friday and adjourned at 2:30 Saturday.

The steering committee was composed of Rev. Brooks Wester, Bryant Cummings, Rev. A. W. Talbert, Rev. Harold Douglas, Ellis McNeal, Mrs. V. J. Stamps, Jr., Mrs. B. J. Pope, Mrs. J. W. Kesner, Zack Moak, Mrs. Lester Davis.

A Congress for north Mississippi will be held at Calvary Church, Tupelo, this week-end.

Sansing Elected B.S.U. President

David Sansing, of Mississippi college was elected president of the state Baptist student union council at the annual officers' retreat held at the First Baptist church in Oxford last week end.

A total of 317 students from 23 college campuses over the state were registered. Mississippi State College For Women had the largest delegation with 30, Mississippi college was second with 29 and Blue Mountain college third with 26.

A resolution was adopted, memorializing Joe Thomas Odle, of Gulfport, Mississippi college student and state stewardship chairman who passed away recently.

Next year's retreat will be held April 13-15 at Jones County Junior college, Ellisville.

Other state council officers elected were: Jack Hunt, Mississippi Southern, enlistment chairman; Bryant Reed, Mississippi State, social; Diane Willoughby, Blue Mountain, devotional.

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Important Notice

The first six-month period of this Convention year ends with the month of April and the record of the mission gifts of all churches for the above period will be published in the Baptist Record in May.

The Convention Board Treasurer's books for this period will close on Friday, April 29 and every church is urged to get its contributions in by that day so they will be included in the above report.

Last Call For Pastor's Assembly

The annual state Pastor's Assembly will begin at Camp Garaywa Monday April 25 at supper time and adjourn at noon Friday.

Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, Rural Church Work secretary, who will assist Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary, in directing the assembly, has announced that the swimming pool will be open.

Committee Suggests Ways To Carry Out Mission Emphasis

Reports Indicate Activity Behalf Of Round-up Month

The month of April, Cooperative Program Round-Up Month, is rapidly drawing to a close and every church is urged to have a part, it has been urged by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary.

The Convention Board books for the first half-year will be closed Friday, April 29 and the report for the first half year will be published in the Baptist Record in May.

Our increase thus far this convention year-November 3, 1954-March 31, 1955, is 6 per cent over the same period a year ago.

The offerings for April of 1954 were unusually good, \$131,392.76, which means that we will need a good offering this

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New Face In Every 53 In Mississippi

JACKSON, Miss. — (BP) — There's a new face in every group of fifty-three Southern Baptists in the state of Mississippi.

State Baptist officials have reported there are now 421,917 Baptists in the state as compared with 413,514 the year before. The 12-month gain was 8,403.

They also said there are gains in other membership totals and in various contributions over the previous year, basing their statement on the figures for 1953 and for 1954.

They include one new church in every ninety Baptist churches; a gain in the value of the average church's property from slightly over \$27,000 to almost \$32,000, and an increase of \$1 a year in the contribution of the average Mississippi Baptist.

If your church would give a greater share of its offerings to the Cooperative Program, it would be doing one of the best things it could do to increase Southern Baptist world missions.

Another means of sending out more missionaries is for every Southern Baptist to give a tenth of his earnings, the tithe, to Christian causes.

These are two of the recommendations that Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion for the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, will present to the Convention at its annual session in Miami, Fla., this year.

Moore said his recommendations, and there are several more, will provide ways to carry out the world missionary emphasis proposed recently by another Southern Baptist Convention committee.

The committee on world evangelization offered a nine-year program to be climaxed in 1964, the 150th anniversary of the date Baptists in North America first organized at national level.

The Cooperative Program, through which money is distributed to Southern Baptist activities on a percentage basis, still proves to be the best way to distribute funds, Moore said.

He will also recommend that a World Missions Year begin in October, 1956; ask state conventions to stress missions in their 1956 annual meetings; suggest a possible World Missions Convention in 1956 or 1957, and ask young people to dedicate themselves to missionary work.

A nation-wide evangelistic Crusade in 1958 or 1959 will be recommended by the committee on world evangelization and by Moore in his report.

The director of promotion will ask the Convention to set

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Van H. Hardin (second from left), pastor of the Lucedale Church, talks with other members of the 55-man Board of Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary during a recent meeting in Louisville, Ky. With Hardin are (left to right): J. Loren Jolly, pastor of First Church, Farmington, Mo.; Wallace Rogers, pastor of the Citadel Square Church, Charleston, S. C.; and Owen Sherrill, pastor of First Church, Charleston, Mo. Other Mississippi members of the Board are Howard E. Spell, dean, Mississippi College, and J. A. Taylor, of Brookhaven.

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Committee . . .

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a goal of \$52,000,000 for world missions—a million dollars a week—through the Cooperative Program in 1958.

Editor's note: In keeping with our policy of keeping our readers informal on Baptist affairs we give below the actual set of recommendations of Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion of the Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention.

Recommendation No. 1'

That we reaffirm our conviction that the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists is the fundamental, effective, and indispensable channel of providing for the needs of all our work; and that we continue through every means at our disposal to urge all Baptists to join in giving the Cooperative Program their loyal and undivided support.

Recommendation No. 2

We recommend the adoption of the summary of recommendations of the Convention's Committee on World Evangelization. (These recommendations were forwarded in a Baptist Press mailing about two weeks ago.)

Recommendation No. 3

To carry out the plans previously approved and to implement the suggestions of the Committee on World Evangelization, we recommend:

1. That the period of 1956-57 commencing in October, 1956, be designated as World Missions Year and that its implementation include the following:

(1) Increase emphasis on the World Missions through the Cooperative Program.

(2) Continued emphasis upon the objective "Every Baptist A Tither."

(3) Encourage churches to adopt a goal of at least 50 per cent of all resident members tithing by the end of 1957.

(4) Encourage churches to contribute to World Missions through the Cooperative Program on a percentage basis.

(5) Urge all churches to contribute at least 6 per cent more of total undesignated budget receipts through the Cooperative Program in 1956. Make preparations for this increase in 1955.

(6) Designate Christian Stew-

ardship Week, October 29-November 5, 1956 as World Missions Week and use it to launch the year of World Missions emphasis for 1957.

(7) Increase emphasis on World Missions in the annual meetings of the Southern Baptist Conventions in 1956 and 1957.

(8) Urge the states to use the theme of World Missions in the 1956 annual state conventions.

(9) Encourage intensified emphasis on World Missions in the fall of 1956 and all of 1957 in all Southern Baptist Convention, state, and associational meetings, including summer assemblies, Sunday School Training Union, and B.S.U. conventions and special World Missions Conventions, if feasible.

(10) In connection with the emphasis on the percentage plan of contributing to missions through the Cooperative Program, encourage the churches to increase their percentage for 1957 by an amount which would at least be equivalent to \$1 per member. Churches which have not yet come to the percentage plan would increase contributions at least \$1 per member.

(11) Request all Southern Baptist and state convention agencies and institutions to join in the World Mission emphasis for 1957.

(12) Plan a Southern Baptist Convention stewardship clinic or workshop for 1956 and undertake to work out plans for similar projects in states, associations, and churches.

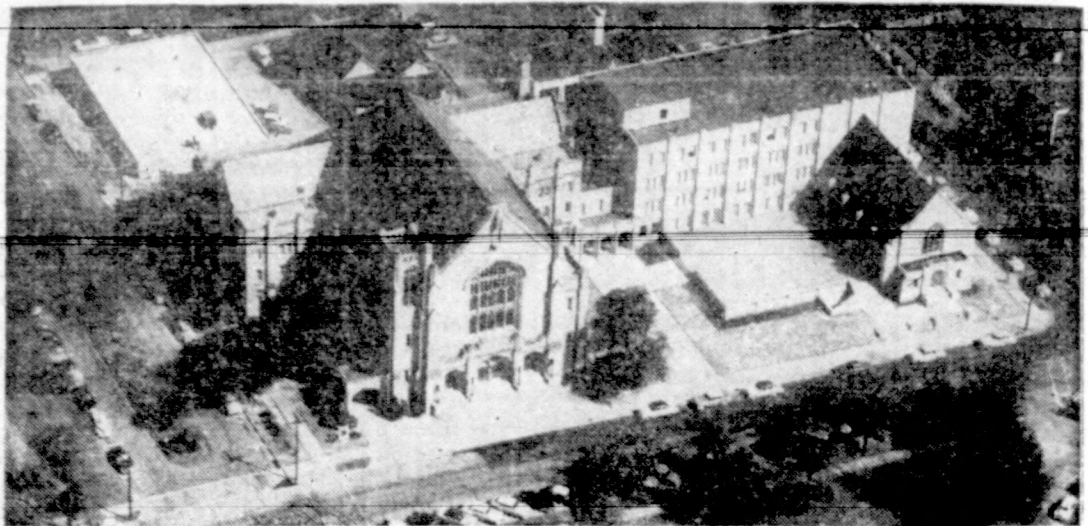
(13) Designate one Sunday in June, 1957, when young people would be challenged with the world mission task and asked to follow the leadership of the Lord to the mission fields. Names of those making decisions may be forwarded to the proper individuals.

(14) Set, for the year of 1958 which follows the year of world missions emphasis, a goal of fifty-two million dollars (or one million dollars a week) for world missions through the Cooperative Program.

Trinity Church in Biloxi had a record attendance of 273 in Sunday School on Sunday morning, April 17. Rev. J. Hoffman Harris is the pastor.

**THE BAPTIST RECORD
KEEPS MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED.**

First Church, Jackson, Holds Open House



During the afternoon of Easter Sunday, First Church, Jackson, held Open House in its new building, a million-dollar structure (shown above). Preceding Open House, there were two morning services, with the pastor, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, bringing the messages.

The new building is a five-story annex and chapel, with over 54,000 square feet of floor space. The basement contains a large fellowship hall for banquets and a stage for dramatic presentations. Shuffle-board layouts are inlaid in the floor. Also

on this floor is a beautiful fellowship lobby or lounge, a number of classrooms, a large kitchen and Boy Scout headquarters.

The ground floor houses classrooms for various ages, a small prayer-room and the chapel opens off this level.

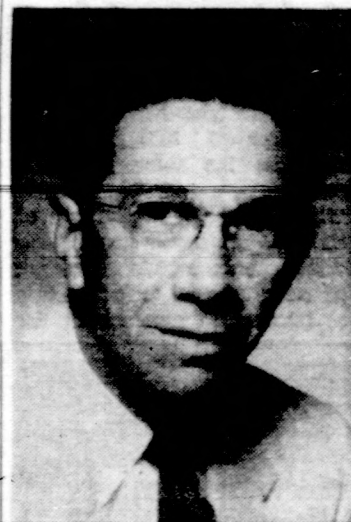
The middle floor has offices and classrooms, and the two upper floors are all classrooms. An automatic elevator serves the building. The entire building is air conditioned and the expansion program included air-conditioning for the major por-

tions of the original project to come soon.

Open House in the new building comes one week after the ninth anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. Hudgins, who came to Jackson from the First Baptist Church of Houston, Texas, after serving as pastor at the large Broadway Church in Fort Worth.

The building committee includes: E. O. Spencer, chairman; R. M. Hederman, secretary, D. C. Simmons, Josh Halbert and Harold Cox. The Planning committee was headed by Major W. E. Holcomb.

Pastor



Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins began his tenth year as pastor on April 1. During his ministry the church has made tremendous strides. It is Mississippi's largest and one of the Southern Baptist Convention's largest.

Reports Indicate . . .

(Continued from Page 1) month of April in order to show a substantial increase over last April.

Encouraging reports are already being received of activity on behalf of Round-Up Month.

Secretary Quarles is challenging 20 associations to become 100 per cent in Cooperative Program giving by April 29. Every church that has not made a contribution thus far is urged to make one this month.

First, Oxford Has Outstanding Revival

First Church, Oxford, experienced one of its best revivals during the recent simultaneous campaign in Lafayette County. Fifty-eight united with the church, thirty-six of these for baptism. Seventeen dedicated themselves to God's leadership in any way that He will lead them.

Dr. T. J. Delaughter, pastor of the First Church of Pascagoula, was the evangelist. Music was under the leadership of Dr. James E. Southerland, pastor of the Church.

The high hour of the revival was at the integrated Sunday morning service. The service began at the Sunday School hour and extended until 12:00 noon.

Sansing Elected . . .

(Continued from Page 1) ional; Joe Eddie Caldwell, M. S. C. W., secretary; Harold Gully, Pearl River Junior college, student director's representative; Jesse White, Delta State, faculty advisor, and Dr. James E. Southerland, Oxford, pastor advisor.

A committee was appointed to study the constitution of the Convention and report next year.

The retreat is held in the spring of each year for the purpose of training local B. S. U. officers and is sponsored by the B. S. U. Department of the State Convention Board, Charles W. Horner, secretary.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (RNS) — Seventh-day Adventists in North America last year contributed \$183.56 each for church work, an all-time high in per capita giving, it was announced at the denomination's Spring Council here. The 1953 figure was \$181.57. Total offerings of nearly \$40,000,000 included \$9,363,086 for foreign missions, H. W. Klaser, Church statistical secretary, said.

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VBS — Very Blessed Service

In an editorial in the Florida Baptist Witness a few years ago Editor W. G. Stracener called Vacation Bible School (VBS) a "very blessed service." And the term is so right.

The Vacation Bible School is a definite part of the educational program of the church. It teaches missions, stewardship, the love of beautiful music, a liking for wholesome recreational activities. It teaches the Bible and its message of salvation. Many girls and boys are converted each summer.

In one rural church only eight were enrolled in the Sunday School. The state worker who came to organize and teach Bible school there one summer was told there were little prospects for more than five or six at the Bible School. But the children came, 35 of them, some of them walking five miles. They were hungry for the Word of God, for Christian fun and fellowship. At the end of the week three of them accepted Christ as Saviour.

In a similar church the pastor (who had received fifty cents in pay all year) took children to Bible School in his Model-T Ford each night an hour before revival services began. Some of those children dipped snuff and smoked and told tales of parents who drank and sold "home-brew" liquor. They learned for the first time that tobacco and whiskey were destroyers of the human body, the temple of the soul. They heard the story of Jesus and listened with open hearts. The next summer they begged for another Bible school. Perhaps this didn't happen in Mississippi, but it did in a neighboring state.

Hundreds of churches in Mississippi—rural, village, suburban, and city churches—profit from the Vacation Bible Schools. In all of the Schools children come eagerly to play and learn and worship.

Southern Baptists took up the idea of Vacation Bible Schools in 1925. Now they have become a very necessary part of the church program. Very few churches do not have one each summer. Therefore, the fact that a church has a VBS is no longer news any more than the fact that a church has a Sunday School is news.

As we did last summer the Baptist Record will this year run a column each week showing the amount of Vacation Bible School offerings and enrollments as sent in by the various churches.

Let's all do our part this summer in molding children's character—indeed a "very blessed service."

—BR—

Columnist Says Religion Is News

Each year at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association, one or more outstanding speakers are asked to appear on the program.

At the recent meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, Lynn Landrum, feature writer and columnist of the Dallas Morning News, was a featur-

ed speaker. Space limitations prevent quoting all the good things he said. Needless to say, he was one of the most refreshing speakers that Southern Baptist editors have heard.

Although a member of the Methodist Church, he talked like a Baptist.

Naturally, we Baptist editors swelled with pride as he spoke of our conservation, our loyalty to the Scriptures, our evangelistic fervor, and our democracy.

Upon his return to Dallas he wrote in his column, "Thinking Out Loud" as follows:

"It was a stimulating contact. . . You see these religious newspapermen have their own slant on what is news. They don't give much space to crime, for example, and when they give any at all, they do it under the head of sin.

"They don't treat sin as a maladjustment or some sort of neurosis generated because papa took in too much territory with a diaper pin or because the sinner lacks self-confidence. They act and write as if sin were rebellion against the Lord God Jehovah. And they talk and write as if they knew what is good for what really ails the sinner. . . (He) found it interesting to hear these preacher-editors . . . bat ideas back and forth in the effort to arrive at a better newspaper devoted to the printing the good news of God.

"You see, religion is big news now. It is bigger now than ever before. . . More people go to religious events each week of each year than go to athletic events."

—BR—

A Good Law

According to Religious New Service, "Governor Milward L. Simpson of Wyoming signed into law a bill repealing tax exemption heretofore given churches and fraternal organizations on property used for COMMERCIAL purposes."

Every state should have a similar law. It is not fair for churches to own commercial property and be tax-exempt. That gives them an advantage over regular business concerns and persons.

Property untaxed can be rented for less than taxed property.

We believe that church property used for church purpose should be tax-exempt because they are non-profit and designed to do good. But the very minute that they enter the commercial field they should be subject to the same laws as are others.

That is one of the reasons we, while a member of the Convention Board, voted to sell the Baptist Press to a private concern. It was not fair for the Baptist Record to own a printing plant and do commercial printing. That put us in competition with printers all over the state. They paid their taxes and we paid none. Hence we could underbid them, other things being equal, because we paid no taxes. Of course, we had done nothing but print the Baptist Record, there would have been no objection, for that was our own work. But to compete with regular business concerns without paying taxes as they did just was not fair.

THE ACCUSERS



Our Readers Write

Dear Editor:

I think it should be taught to all children plainly, when they are very young, about Christ being in heaven. How beautiful heaven is! My granddaughter almost four years old, was told by a little cousin seven years old that Christ lives above the clouds in heaven, and it is a pretty place. So my granddaughter came to see me, sat down and began to tell me about Christ living above the clouds in heaven. And she was so glad to know of a heaven. She believed she could go in the car to heaven, and of course she was wanting me to go with her, as she always wants me to go with her. She says it's a pretty place. She turned her head and eyes up toward heaven and just sat looking upward. Well, I wanted to talk but tears blinded my eyesight. I told her Christ went away to prepare a place in heaven for us and heaven is more beautiful than we can imagine. This is from a widow.

Mrs. Eula Farris
Dorsey, Miss.

—BR—

WHY I LIKE MY CHURCH:

In writing this article I am aware of the fact that I could not write concerning the great Body of Believers but the article concerns my own local group.

I like my church because it has a missionary zeal which will make it great in contributing workers in years to come. The church is only five years old since it started as a mission of First Church of Ellisville. It had the right beginning.

I like my church because most of the people are willing to visit and do personal work. Names of people are presented for prayer in most every meeting. People are concerned about the lost.

They are good to visit the sick al-

most as regularly as the pastor does. They will help him in this.

I have not heard one word of criticism of the former pastors. Neither have I heard people criticising each other. This makes any pastor glad and happy.

They attend both the morning and evening services well. They pray for each other and with the pastor about their problems.

I like my church because it supports our Baptist Plan of Kingdom work well. It seeks and follows the leadership of the pastor well.

Perhaps we should mention the warm reception we receive in the homes as we visit and the material blessings that they share with us.

I love them because they love the Lord.

A. T. Walker, pastor
West Ellisville Church

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Otherwise a letter of inquiry will have many read it.

Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind" for the Baptist Record.

Plagued by Doubts

Question: I have recurring doubts about my salvation. There are times when I feel the Lord's love and presence, but the times when I doubt, usually after reading something explaining salvation in detail, are

a horror. It even causes physical nausea and almost paralyzes me.

How can I know for certain that I am saved?

Answer: Individuals who have never been plagued by such doubts will never understand you. They will insert a coin of Scripture into the slot of your mind and expect you to hit the jackpot of assurance.

Assurance, which is your need, is hard for some people. I have three suggestions.

First, realize that your salvation rests upon a Person. As Martin Luther said "Let Him who died for my soul see to the saving of it." God is love. He does not change just because you have mood swings. Drop a rock into a clear pool which reflects the moon and it will appear that the moon is shattered. But it hasn't been. The moon, like God, stays the same. Read I John 3:20.

Second, rely upon the promises of God. They are plain, concerning salvation. If you trust God to do what he has promised to do, the best you know how, God does the rest. Read John 1:12; 3:16 and Romans 10:9, 10; and 1 John 5:10-13.

Finally, obedience brings assurance. Read John 7:17 and I John 2:3; 3:24. If you have an unreasonable conscience, your inner demands will be absurd. No one can feel secure with a tyrannical conscience. But prompt obedience, action instead of dreams and hopes, will bring about assurance as spring rains bring up the flowers.

God understands your doubts, and does not blame you.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

April 25 — State Associational Missionaries Institute, Garaywa; State Pastor's Assembly, Garaywa.

April 26 — Clinic for Associational Clerks, Garaywa; Mrs. B. Frank Smith, William Carey College faculty.

April 27 — Wayne Maxen, Union County Associational Sunday School Superintendent; Mrs. Hubert Bursib, Calhoun Associational W.M.U. Superintendent.

April 28 — Rev. Clyde Thompson, Benton Associational Training Union Director; Mrs. E. E. Turley, Tate Associational Music Director.

April 29 — State Brotherhood Encampment, Garaywa; Rev. H. H. Ward, Attala Associational Missionary.

April 30 — Mrs. Winston C. Campbell, Mississippi College staff; G. F. Dabbs, Jr., Clarke Associational Brotherhood President.

May 1 — Mary Edythe Bullock, Hinds Junior College, State BSU Publicity Chairman; Aaron Lewis, BSU President, Clarke College.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION

ATTENDANCE

April 17, 1955

Edwards	104	63
Canton, Center		
Terrace	321	136
Laurel, First	729	181
Hattiesburg		
Main St.	1178	503
Jackson, Parkway	1139	570
Jackson, Crestwood	739	452
Paul Truitt (Rankin)	204	104
Jackson, West	422	184
Richland (Rankin)	266	106
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	799	333
Pearl (Rankin)	191	117
Briar Hill (Rankin)	111	64
Flowood	106	94
Jackson, North Side	695	225
Jackson, Broadmoor	531	195
Jackson, Calvary	1548	436
Main	1503	415
Mission	45	21
Jackson, First	1537	495
Byram	267	137
Jackson, South Side	371	170
Jackson, Van Winkle	595	263
Clarksdale	508	200
Louisville, First	561	157
Soso, First	157	76
Calhoun City, First	393	153
Grenada, First	831	195
Marks, First	370	104
Silver City	73	61
Pleasant Ridge (Chickasaw)	107	90
Laurel, Highland	263	82
Laurel, Harmony	205	87
Bethlehem (Jones)	163	95
Magee, First	502	
Mt. Zion (Lincoln)	167	87
Columbia, First	813	285
Main School	728	238
South Columbia		
Mission	85	47
Seminary, Union, Sr.	108	126
Morton (Scott)	302	114
Main	281	
Mission	21	
Ruth	54	56
Meridian, East View	248	135
Olive Branch	180	72
New Prospect (Desoto)	115	71
Crystal Springs, First	770	233
Starkville, First	878	336
Brookhaven, Central	128	86
Friendship (Lincoln)	153	94
Pelahatchie	189	69
Biloxi, Trinity	273	83
Aberdeen, First	459	91
Roundaway (Sunflower)	95	81
Pleasant Ridge (Holmes)	80	73
New Sight (Lincoln)	149	76
Brookhaven		
Hamilton St.	174	75
Gulfport, First	1065	322
Gulfport, Grace		
Memorial	279	64
Concord (Choctaw)	104	105
Gulfport, Broadmoor	234	97
Skene	138	79
Meridian, Oakland		
Heights	340	133
Bluff Springs (Pike)	48	69
Petal-Harvey	469	158
Main School	415	
Harvey	35	
Richton Road	19	
Picayune, First	754	215

Meridian, 41st Ave.	444	156
Ruleville	390	203
Ellisville, West	222	117
Hardy (Grenada)	113	81
Longview (Oktibbeha)	116	91
Horn Lake	215	112
Kosciusko, First	804	277
Main School	783	
Maple Mission	21	
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	187	92
Clarksdale, Riverside	318	126
Pleasant Hill (Lincoln)	145	84
Brownsville, Beulah	90	78
New Albany, First	738	182
Main School	672	159
North Side Mission	66	23
Biloxi, East Howard	260	120
West Point, First	670	325
Hattiesburg, First	699	208
Hattiesburg, 38th		
Avenue	223	103
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	638	168
Wayside (Yalobusha)	72	
Cleveland, Immanuel	196	139
Greenwood, Calvary	648	200
Brookhaven		
Pearlhaven	192	66
Pascagoula, First	853	242
Main School	765	200
McArthur Chapel	56	
Orange Grove		
Chapel	32	42
Houston, First	405	188
Lucedale	454	179
Union, First	367	149
Glenfield (Union County)	129	108
Hurricane Creek (Marion)	132	97
Hattiesburg, Temple	640	169
Jackson, Ridgecrest	383	141
Jackson, Highland	144	65
Murphy Creek (Winston)	181	93
Darling	125	66
Purvis, First	330	92
Mission	21	
Calvary (Alcorn)	111	82
Cleveland, First	531	121
Main School	495	
Chinese Mission	36	
Ripley, First	339	102
Pilgrim's Rest (Copiah)	99	74
Spanish Fort	62	60
Gillsburg	212	132
Laurel, Wildwood	266	96
Brookhaven, First	928	309
Main	786	221
Southway	90	54
Halbert Heights	52	34
Stonewall	247	110
Yazoo City, First	620	174
Newton, First	521	240
Grenada, Emmanuel	318	117
Meridian, South Side	492	216
Tupelo, Harrisburg	596	209
Charleston, First	394	186
Laurel, Second Ave.	562	169
Canton, Center		
Terrace	321	136
Jackson		
Alta Woods	734	261
April 10, 1955		
Seminary, Union, Sr.	90	94
Charleston, First	567	207
Ruleville	381	225
Lucedale	240	111
Long Beach	172	49
Greenwood, Calvary	635	172
McComb, Friendship	180	88
Petal-Harvey	334	157
Main School	288	
Hernando, First	184	85
Louisville, West		
End	103	61
Harvey	31	
Richton Road	15	

My Favorite

Bible Verse

I. By Mrs. W. G. Kirkpatrick, Jackson and Patricia Magee, Vicksburg

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings

as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31, King James Version)

II. By Charles Magee, Jr., Vicksburg

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23, King James Version)

III. By Jo Ann Holder, Drew

"I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." (Romans 12:1, King James Version)

IV. By Annie M. Fowler, Jackson

"Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you . . ." (James 4:8, King James Version)

Readers are invited to send their favorite Bible verse. The Baptist Record plans to publish four each week. When sending your favorite Bible verse address as follows: The Baptist Record, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSE) — A distribution last year of 8,556,700 tracts has been announced by Donald F. Ackland, editor of general tracts and devotional materials, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. These tracts were distributed through Southern Baptist churches and state board offices at a cost of approximately \$50,000. The 1955 evangelistic crusade has greatly increased the demand for tracts for the current year, Ackland said.

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May 2, 1955

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These young people from our state have been appointed within the last year and have been sent \$100.00 each from the WMU of Mississippi (given by you during the WMU Special Day offering last year) for some piece of equipment to take with them to the field of service. We pray that God will call many more of our young people to definite places of service.



Mrs. Harry L. Raley

Mrs. Raley was Francis Bibb of Drew. She and her husband were appointed for Formosa and represented us there.



Mrs. Henry D. Martin

Mrs. Martin was Margaret McMullen of Sumner. She and her husband were appointed for Nigeria and have already sailed for their new field of service.



Rev. Elton Moore

At the time of appointment last April, Rev. Moore was serving as pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Bonita, Miss. Mrs. Moore was Jean Cooper of Scott County, Springfield Baptist Church. They are serving in Indonesia one of our newest fields of mission endeavor.



Mrs. Elton Moore

COMMUNITY MISSIONS

Bible Distribution

- 17,886 Bibles for Negro families distributed to associations and churches.
- 2,000 Bibles for white families distributed to associations and churches.
- 66 New Testaments in Choctaw distributed to the Indians.
- 72 Associations received Bibles.
- \$1,779.86 Received to apply on distribution cost.
- \$1,000.00 sent from WMU to the World Home Bible League toward printing of Bibles. (This given by WMS Camp and from State Missions.)

Individual Community Missions Emphasis

- 25,000 Report blanks distributed.
- Inauguration of "Community Missions Day of Prayer and Participation."

Calvary Youth Director

Miss Betty Jane Frew has joined the staff of Calvary Church, Jackson, as Director of Youth Activities. She comes from the Beech Street Church, Texarkana, Arkansas, where she has served in a similar capacity the past four years.

Miss Frew is a graduate of Howard College and holds the Master of Religious Education Degree from Southwestern Seminary. While attending Howard College in Birmingham, she worked in the Young People's Department and the Editorial Department of the Southwide W. M. U. headquarters there for three years.

At Calvary Miss Frew will plan and direct an organized program of social and recreational as well as religious activities for Intermediates and Young People. In Sunday School and Training Union she will help to correlate and supervise the work of these departments. She will also work with the young people in the field of vocational guidance and personal counseling.

Dr. Luther Joe Thompson is pastor.

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Pontotoc Pastors Effect Organization

The Pontotoc County Pastor's Conference was organized Tuesday April 12 at the Friendship Church.

Officers elected were: Rev. C. B. Sims, President; Rev. Fred Hague, Vice President; Dewey Max Rowland, Secretary; Rev. Foy Rogers, Rev. A. J. Northcut, and Rev. J. W. Henry, program committee; and A. J. Northcut, Fellowship Chairman.

It was decided to meet for breakfast at 7 a.m. Tuesday following the second Sunday in each month in the community Building of the Friendship Church. There were ten preachers present.

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Charleston, First Adds 28 In Revival

First Church, Charleston just finished one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church. Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, of New Orleans, La., was the visiting evangelist and Larry Daniel of the First Church, Shreveport, La. was the singer. There were 28 additions to the church, fourteen by baptism and fourteen by letter.

Dr. Landrum Leavell is the pastor.

The week preceeding the revival there were cottage prayer meetings held in different sections of town each night, with a total of 690 attending these prayer meetings. On Saturday night preceeding the revival, there was a prayer chain lasting all night.

Following the prayer meet-



Miss Betty Jane Frew

Wake Forest Church To Have Anniversary

The Wakeforest Church in the Dancy community, Webster county, will observe the 110th anniversary on Sunday May 1.

Rev. A. T. "Tom" Mitchell, pastor of the Ridge Avenue Baptist Church of West Monroe, Louisiana, will preach the anniversary sermon at 2:00 p.m. His father, the late Rev. J. F. Mitchell was pastor of this church for 22 years.

The annual memorial service will be held at the morning hour which is a joint service with the Mt. Hope Church of Christ. Johnny McKnight will give the memorial address. Dinner will be served at the noon hour.

Special music by young people and singing led by M. C. Dalton will be a part of the anniversary service in the afternoon.

ings each night, the district captains, supervising the prayer meetings in the different sections of town, gave out the names of the resident members of the church living in that section. Each resident member was contacted in this way in the interests of the revival. During the week of special services, a program of visitation evangelism was conducted each evening under the direction of the visiting evangelist.

The Sunday School and Training Union both established new attendance records on Easter Sunday in spite of heavy rainfall. There were 567 in attendance in S.S., breaking the old record of 513. There was 207 in B.T.U., surpassing the former record of 201. Capacity crowds were present each night while the morning services averaged more than 150.

Charleston was one of nine churches in Tallahatchie County participating in the simultaneous crusade. Others were: Tutwiler, Sumner, Webb, Shady Dale, Cowart, Corinth, Cascilla, Paynes. There are 19 churches in the association.

Goodrich Leads Highland Revival

By DR. W. R. COOPER, pastor

Dr. A. L. Goodrich was the preacher for the Crusade revival of Highland Church, Jackson, April 3-10. Rev. Walter Burrell, Mississippi College, ministerial student, was the singer.

The services were largely attended. Services were held at night, only except Sundays. The singer was at his best, as was the preaching.

The last service was the climax and almost the whole church rededicated themselves. The church was revived and the future looks hopeful.

Many had joined by letter before the revival and one man, a grandfather, was baptized. It was a good revival and all were happy.

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Taylorville Church Has Youth Week

The Taylorville Church observed Youth Week during the first of April. Large crowds attended both services on April 3rd when the young people took charge of both services.

Howard Eaton, a senior at Taylorville High, served as youth Pastor and brought the morning message, entitled "Onward Christian Soldiers." There was one profession of faith. Ray Merritt, a freshman at Jones Junior College, brought the evening message, "Remember Thy Creator in the Days of Thy Youth" with one addition by letter.

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Miss. Minister Ordained In Ala.

Edward Albert Freathy was ordained to the gospel ministry at the Prichard (Ala.) First Church recently. He is now pastor of Spring Hill Church, Oakland.

A senior at Mississippi College, Mr. Freathy is married to the former Miss Mary Elizabeth Beaver, of Prichard. They have one child.

Mr. Freathy attended high school in Perkinston. He was a summer worker last year at First Church, Prichard, Ala.

The ordaining presbytery consisted of Reverend J. O. Colley, H. H. Harwell, H. S. Sauls, Willard E. Johnson, and W. A. Luckie.

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Shown above is Gordon Sansing, Pastor, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson who will participate on the Brotherhood Encampment program at Garaywa, April 29-30.

LAST CALL FOR BROTHERHOOD ENCAMPMENT

Reservations are coming in daily for our second week-end Encampment at Garaywa, April 29-30. It looks as if we shall have a full house this time.

It will greatly aid us in making adequate preparation if you will make a reservation, but come on even if you don't have a reservation.

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A PASTOR LOOKS AT HIS ROYAL AMBASSADORS

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"A sheep rancher in the West was once asked about his fine flocks. He replied, 'I have good sheep now because I took care of the lambs last year.' We in our churches must be as wise.

Oakland Grove Has New Pastor's Home

Oakland Grove Church in Jones County has recently built a new parsonage. The pastor moved into his home only two weeks ago. The three-bedroom house is constructed with asbestos siding and equipped with butane gas, electricity, and running water.

This progressive rural church will begin its spring revival on April 24, with all-day services on the first day, and lunch served at the church. During the week only evening services will be held.

Rev. Pete Steelman, pastor of the Calvary Church, Starkville, will be the evangelist. The pas-

Pastor Preaches In Covenant Revival

Covenant Church in Choctaw County conducted the Soul-Winners' Study Course, and followed with the revival March 28 through April 8.

There were 7 additions to the church, 6 of these for baptism. The pastor, Rev. C. F. Anglin, did the preaching, and the music was under the leadership of Mrs. Ina Lee Braswell.

Brookhaven Central has observed Youth Week. There were 19 serving on the staff of officers. Dr. W. T. Waring is the Pastor.

tor, Rev. Lester Gardner, will lead the singing.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

She Kept Talking

For obvious reasons we cannot give the name of the writer, but we can give the letter. It is as follows:

"At last I have talked Church into the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

I thought I had failed one Sunday, but I went back the next preaching Sunday and talked Baptist Record until I think they finally voted to adopt it in order to make me stop talking Baptist Record."

The writer is a pastor's wife and a firm friend of the Baptist Record.

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Emmanuel Is No 1129

Rev. J. L. Morgan, pastor of Emmanuel Church, Meridian, is an old-time friend of the Baptist Record, and he is still proving it as pastor of Emmanuel.

He has led the church to adopt the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record and now 27 families of that church are going to keep up with what Baptists are doing at home and abroad.

Record readers in Lauderdale County are now listed as follows:

follows: ARKADELPHIA, 51; CENTER GROVE, 30; BETHANY, 29; CARMEL, 50; CAUSEVILLE, 52; COLLINSVILLE, 38; Daleville, 14; FELLOWSHIP, 52; GOODWATER, 24; HEBRON, 51; HICKORY GROVE, 36; KEWANE, 29; Liberty, 19; LONG CREEK, 38; MACEDONIA, 48; MARION, 36; Meehan, 11; MERIDIAN, FIRST, 627; MERIDIAN, 8TH AVENUE, 123; MERIDIAN, 15TH AVENUE, 376; MERIDIAN, EASTVIEW, 126; MERIDIAN, 41ST AVENUE, 294; MERIDIAN, HIGHLAND, 177; MERIDIAN, SOUTHSIDE, 260; KEY FIELD, 34; MIDWAY, 68; MT. GILEAD, 28; Mt. Horeb, 6; Mt. Nebo, 10; MT. OLIVE, 32; NEW HOPE, 50; New Zion, 16; OAK GROVE, 91; PINE GROVE, 74; RNSSELL, 47; Salem, 16; TOOMSUBA, 30; Union, 1; STATE BOULEVARD, 93; Mt. Vernon, 2; PINE FOREST, 20; Savoy, 11; MERIDIAN, EMMANUEL, 27.

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Byram

While Pastor H. J. Bennett was away in a Crusade revival we had the privilege of supplying at Byram Church, near Jackson:

The church continues to make progress and has recently installed a pipe organ.

Record readers in Hinds County are listed as follows: BETHESDA, 46; BROWNSVILLE (Beulah), 55; BOLTON, 31; BYRAM, 92; CHAPEL

Church and Denomination Night... Plan one now for your church September-October, 1955

**Man Of Distinction**

We suggest to the liquor industry that they give publicity to the following United Press news items as they seek by their advertisements to show that liquor drinking makes men of distinction.

"Police said today a Bay Shore Long Island eye specialist had admitted being the drinking partner of an attractive Miami woman who died in a night club fire after the couple made a 'round of bars.'

"There is no use pitying me. We were all drinking plenty," police quoted the doctor as saying at an inquest. In this case it made a man of distinction and a woman of extinction.

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CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By REV. LEON V. YOUNG

J. J. Terry, Dora, New Mexico, from Grady, New Mexico.

Gaston Green, Tatum, Southeastern, N. M., from Calvary, Atomic, New Mexico
O. L. Sherman, Liberty Hill, San Augustine, Texas, from Lamar, Beaumont, Texas

HILL, 30; CLINTON, 329; EDWARDS, 71; ELRAINE, 76; JACKSON, ALTA WOODS, 283; JACKSON, CALVARY, 1514; JACKSON DANIEL MEMORIAL, 547; JACKSON, CRESTWOOD, 303; JACKSON,

EMMANUEL, 63; JACKSON, FIRST, 1296; JACKSON GRIFFITH MEMORIAL, 190; JACKSON, NORTHSIDE, 418; JACKSON, PARKWAY, 873; JACKSON, ROBINSON STREET, 136; JACKSON, VAN WINKLE, 367; JACKSON, SOUTHSIDE, 372; JACKSON, WEST, 224; JACKSON, TEMPLE, 31; Learned, 13; JACKSON, RIGECREST, 173; HILLCREST, 122; MIDWAY, 84; WESTVIEW, 100; Old Byram, 17; PALESTINE, 23; POCAHONTAS, 26; RAYMOND, 113; SALEM, 40; FOREST HILL, 72; TERRY, 108; UTICA, 89; NEW HAVEN, 23; CALVARY MISSION, 56; JACKSON, HIGHLAND, 82; JACKSON, BROADMOOR, 233; JACKSON, MAGNOLIA PARK, 28.

New Pastors' Conf. In Lawrence Assoc.

A Pastor's Conference was held in the Monticello Church April 10 with Rev. Hoyte E. Nelson, pastor of the Bethel Church and moderator of the Lawrence Association, presiding. This was the first meeting and the group voted to organize a permanent Pastor's Conference.

Officers were elected as follows: Rev. Harold E. O'Chester, president; Rev. O. C. Chance, vice-president; and Rev. Richard M. Barber, secretary.

Mr. Chance is pastor of the Topeka and Providence churches and the Mr. Barber of the Shiloh church. Nine pastors were present.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 2 at 10 a.m. in the Monticello church.

Wade Hopkins, Central, Livingston, Texas, from Washkom, Texas

Ernest Baker, Ola, Arkansas, from Gassville, Arkansas

W. Lloyd Claud, First, Richardson, Texas, from Grand Ave., Fort Smith, Ark.

R. G. Bennett, Cayce, S. C., from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Nat Brummitt, Albion, Oklahoma

T. H. Holt, Arcadia, Oklahoma County Association, Oklahoma

J. Lee Fincher, Cox City, Oklahoma, from East Side, Marlow, Oklahoma

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YOUTH-LED REVIVALISTS



Ruffin Manuel Smith Sinclair

Pictured above are four Baptist students who have qualified with the State BSU Department for Youth-led Revival work this summer, viz., James Ruffin, Miss. State and Maben, preacher; Don Manuel, Miss. College and Pass Christian, preacher and song leader; Patty Smith, MSCW and Magee, pianist, and Harrell Sinclair, Clarke and Columbia, song leader.

Youth-led Revivals have already been scheduled for First Church, Columbus; West Laurel Church, Laurel; State Penitentiary, Parchman, and Lyman Church, Lyman.

Students who have qualified for the work since last report are Frank Gunn, Miss. College and Indianola, preacher and song leader; George Dye, Miss. College and Mashulaville, preacher; Ralph Years, Miss. College and Memphis, song leader and pianist; Jerry Johnston, Miss. College and Prentiss, preacher and song leader.

THREE MORE FOR R'CREST
Since last report, Larry Bonds, Ole Miss, and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Breland, Delta State, have registered for Student Week at Ridgcrest June 9-15. We hear that 13 from East Central Jr. are planning to go.

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Still have almost \$1200 to go.

MISS. MAKES BAPT.

STUDENT

Miss., a little more than usual, made the May Baptist Student with that page writeup on our State President, James Rogers, as Baptist Student of the Month; Chester Swor pictured and Sibyl Townsend mentioned as Ridgcrest speakers, and that

two-page picture story on the Baptist nurses at St. Dominic's, whom Northside Church, Jackson, are helping so wonderfully.

CONGRATS, NEW PREXIES

Prayerful congratulations and best wishes are extended to the new BSU Presidents we thus far know about, viz., George McGregor, Itawamba Jr.; Henry Hart, East Central Jr.; Don Stewart, Wm. Carey; Kenneth Faulkner, Jones Jr.; Hubert

Miazza, Miss. State; John Britt, Miss. Southern; David Owen, Ole Miss; Jo Eddie Caldwell, MSCW; Joyce Simpson, Blue Mountain; Hugh Currie, Co-Lin.

OTHER NEW PRESIDENTS

Other new local BSU Presidents, not yet reported, whom we've heard about and to whom we extend our prayerful congratulations and best wishes are: Nancy Rogers, Meridian Jr.; Jean Rouse, Millsaps; Vonda Viverette, Hinds Jr.; Sonny Emerson, Miss. College; Bradford Black, Perkinson Jr.; Bobby Bray, East Miss. Jr.

Indicative of the wonderful work of our Baptist Orphanage in Jackson, W. G. Mize, Supt., is the fact that Joyce Simpson, new BSU President for Blue Mountain, is from there.

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Emmanuel Pastor Accepts S. C. Church

Rev. J. H. Royalty, pastor of the Emmanuel church, Jackson, resigned April 10 to accept the pastorate of the Hayne church in Spartanburg, S. C. The resignation is to become effective May 29.

The Emmanuel church was organized under the leadership of Mr. Royalty, and May 25 will mark the seventh anniversary of the church.

During this period there have been 371 additions to the church, a new modern brick auditorium has been constructed and a new pastorium has recently been completed. Over the seven year period the budget of the church has increased from \$2,000 to \$18,000, and has acquired property valued at \$120,000.

For the past five years Mr. Royalty has conducted a radio program known as "The America Back to God" broadcast and he has been used extensively over the state and the Southern Baptist convention as an evangelist.

He is a native Mississippian, having graduated from high school at Bassfield and he is also a graduate of Mississippi College.

Mrs. Royalty is also a native Mississippian, reared in Prentiss, and she will graduate from Mississippi College at the close of the present term.

Hurley Church Has Good Revival Meet

The revival at Hurley Church March 6-13 recorded 15 for baptism, seven by letter, and 43 rededications. Joe D. Burford and Harvard Emerson were licensed to preach.

Rev. R. V. Walker, pastor, preached and Rev. Dan Havens of Mississippi College led the music.

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Bethel, Columbus Has 12 Additions

During the revival at the Bethel Church in Lowndes county, there were twelve additions, ten on profession of faith and two by letter. Five rededications were recorded. Rev. H. A. Merritt was the guest evangelist. There have been twenty-four additions since January 1.

A Sunday School goal of 150 was set for April 3, with 173 present.

Wednesday night April 6 the church had Pastor-Family night. Over one hundred members of the church were present to express their love and appreciation for the pastor, Rev. W. M. Daves, and his family. Gifts of food, money, and a raise in salary were presented to the pastor, after which refreshments were served in the church dining room.

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Calvary, Batesville Making Progress

Calvary Church, Batesville, reported 20 baptisms during the Simultaneous Revival Crusade. Many rededicated themselves to live for Christ. This brings the total membership of Calvary to 152, the Sunday School Enrollment to 207, and Training Union Enrollment to 127.

Three young ladies volunteered for mission service, one as a missionary nurse. Rev. Lee Hudson of Jackson and Mississippi College was the evangelist and Rev. Bob Posey of Tupelo and New Orleans Seminary directed the music.

The Home Mission Board has approved a \$15,000 loan for the Church to build an educational annex to care for 300 Sunday School pupils.

A brief groundbreaking ceremony will be observed after the morning service on Sunday, April 24.

The church voted to allow the pastor, Rev. L. G. Camp, Jr., to attend New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary where he is now completing his first year.

The men of the church, working at night, are finishing the interior of the auditorium.

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The current issue of the Baptist Student carries two pages of pictures of the BSU at St. Dominic — Jackson Memorial (Catholic) Hospital of Jackson. Approximately 20 students in the School of Nursing are Baptists and are active in the youth program of Northside Church.

Bethlehem, Jones, Has Good Youth Week

In promoting Youth Week, April 3-9, the aim "Training In Church Membership" was put into practice by the Training Union of Bethlehem Church, Jones County.

On Sunday, April 3, the young people had charge of the program both in Sunday School and Training Union. The morning and evening messages was brought by the pastor, Rev. Warren H. Rush. On Wednesday evening the mid week prayer service, Brotherhood and W.M.S. programs were in the hands of the youth.

On Saturday Night the young people went to West Laurel Church to participate in the Jones County Associational Baptist Youth Night.

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Aberdeen, First Has N. C. Evangelist

Rev. Roger E. Williams, pastor of the Highland Church, Hickory, North Carolina was the evangelist at the recent ten-day revival meeting at First Church, Aberdeen. The pastor, Rev. Frank H. Thomas, led the singing.

There were 22 professions of faith, six additions by letter, and seven rededications. During the revival there was a record attendance in Sunday School, with 503 present.

Mrs. A. A. Roebuck is the Educational Director.

Toxish Church Has Youth Week

Toxish Church observed Youth Week with activities which climaxed Sunday, April 17. The theme for the week was "My God is Able," with the scripture "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able..."

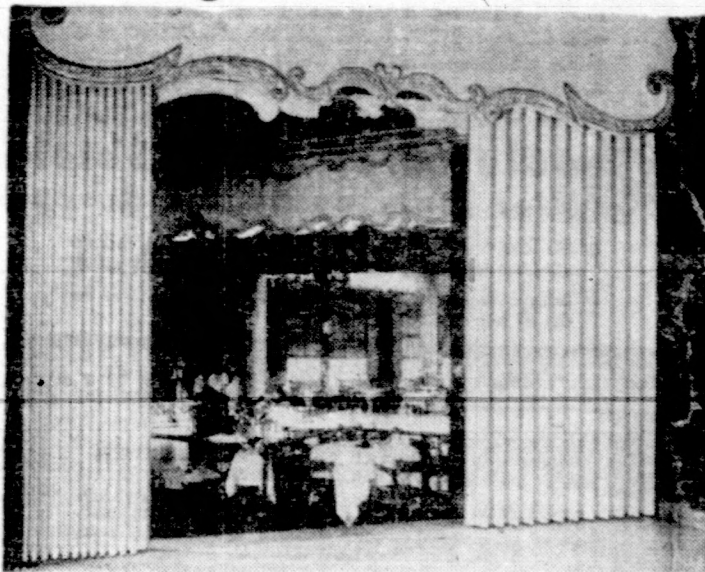
Bobby Lee Ashmore served as Youth Week Pastor, with Elaine Waters as superintendent of the Sunday School and Ravenna Dowdy as director of the Training Union. Joe Williams was treasurer of the church and Burton Ware was Clerk.

Others who held responsible positions during the week were: Virginia Scott, John Sansing, Thomas King Ware, Towery Ware, Burton Ware, Edwin McMillan, Hood Turner, Mary Ethel Stegall, Sarah Warren, Margaret Warren, Nancy Ware, Nora Alice Stegall, Mary Elizabeth Thompson, Lynda McMillan, Martha Sartin, Hugh Meek, Lamar Waters, and Pat Waters.

On Saturday night, April 16, the Youth Week party was held at the Field's lake in the form of a Gypsy party. Elton Johnson, a student at Mississippi College, brought the inspirational message for the occasion.

Rev. Charles W. Thompson, Jr. is pastor of the church.

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McClellan Explains "Misleading Figures"

A Baptist Press story on seminary enrolments issued April 4 has been called to question.

I have examined the sources of the figures used and have found them to be in agreement with previously published records.

A summary table printed at the end of the story shows three columns of figures.

Column one concerning enrolments of the seminaries for the fall of 1953 show figures taken from the Educator of June 1954, page ten. The figures were originally taken from reports filed with the office of the Education Commission by the seminaries.

Column two concerning enrolments for the fall of 1954 show figures taken from the Educator of November 1954, cover page one. The figures were originally taken from reports filed with the Education Commission by the seminaries.

The third column of figures were computed in the office of the Baptist Press and have been verified with one slight change. The last figure should be -17.3 and the total 4.03.

The point of the story was fall enrolments, not the year's enrolments. It dealt with total enrolments, not partial enrolments. Albert McClellan, director Baptist Press.

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New Northside Music Director

Norman Bell, director of choral activities for Xavier University and choral director of the New Orleans Philharmonic Society has accepted the call to become minister of music for Northside Church, Jackson, effective June 1, it has been announced by Dr. Henry Crouch, pastor.

Mr. Bell is a graduate of Mississippi College and has studied at Tulane University, New Orleans, New York University and New York Teachers College.

He is a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., and early was associated with Rev. Jacob Wasilkowsky, well-known New York cantor.

Mr. Bell has been associated with several of the leading radio and T. V. stations in the country and has appeared in several leading concert halls in the nation.

In October of 1954 he was converted to the Christian religion and was baptized into the fellowship of the Clinton Church.

It was at that time that he felt the call to full-time church music work.



Norman Bell

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The Poplarville Baptist Church closed a "glorious meeting" of days with 51 additions, and "about \$1000" collected to pay on the pastors' home. Pastor John P. Culpepper was assisted by Rev. W. A. McComb.

40 Years Ago

The Baptist Church at Marks had Home Board Evangelists J. W. Hickerson as preacher and A. B. Hunt as singer for a two weeks' meeting which resulted in fourteen accessions, twelve for baptism. Rev. R. M. Boone, pastor, reporting.

The Harris Business University, Jackson, Mississippi gives free tuition to ministers' sons and daughters.

25 Years Ago

The Drew Baptist Church dedicates their new house of worship on a recent Sunday with former pastor Dr. Webb Brame preaching the sermon, who was pastor when the church house was built. Rev. W. R. Cooper, pastor.

Pastor W. S. Allen writes of the "fine meeting" in his church at Pass Christian during which there were four additions.

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In succeeding issues of the Record in this column we will have more of pictures of the program personalities, a full schedule of all the district conventions, and a schedule of the conventions programs.

The first District Training Union Convention will be on May 9 and the last one on June 17. Watch this column in the next few issues and secure the information on the date, district number and place of meeting of your convention.

ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN SOUTH SIDE, MERIDIAN

South Side Baptist Church of Meridian, under the leadership of pastor W. E. Speed and Training Union Director, Mr. J. T. Northam, Jr., recently engaged in a Training Union-Enlargement Campaign.

An average attendance of 106 was maintained for the week with 132 enrolled. The highest attendance for the week was recorded as 115 on Wednesday night of the campaign. The at-

tendance for the Training Union on the night preceding the campaign was 194.

Fourteen new workers were added, two new Nursery Departments, one new Primary Department, one Junior Union and plans were made for the organization of a Married Young People's Union.

YOUTH NIGHT REPORTS

Carroll-Montgomery

Gordon Sather, Associational Missionary, reports, "We had a Baptist Youth Night for Carroll-Montgomery counties with 132 in attendance, 54 from Carroll and 78 from Montgomery.

Grenada Association

Herbert Batson, Director, reports 101 present, five churches represented, five pastors present, one profession of faith, at March 26th Youth Night.

Gulf Coast

Mr. V. J. Runnels, Director, states, "One of the greatest meetings ever. 378 present with 17 churches represented and 12 pastors present.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE

RELIEF MONEY NEEDED NOW

The Relief Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention appropriated \$15,000 for the building of chapels in Germany at a March meeting, reducing the relief funds to \$4,000.

Dr. George W. Sadler, chairman of the Relief Committee, and Mr. L. Howard Jenkins, president of the Foreign Mission Board, expressed their distress over the inability to send the entire \$30,800 requested for the chapel building program in Germany or to meet any of the needs of the Orient where suffering abounds.

The Relief Committee is a Southern Baptist Convention committee and dates back to 1946 when the Convention asked the Foreign Mission Board to take over the distribution of relief funds. Formerly Southern Baptist relief activity had been headed by Dr. George W. Truett and Dr. Louie D. Newton.

Then in 1946 when the Convention began a major relief campaign to relieve suffering following World War II, the Foreign Mission Board, because of its knowledge of world conditions and its representatives in foreign countries, was asked to take over the responsibility of distributing funds.

The relief program of Southern Baptists is administered from this fund which is made up of special gifts from individuals and churches. With only \$4,000 in hand at this time, no emergency can be met until more money arrives, Dr. Sadler explained.

Money for relief should be addressed to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 5148, Richmond 20, Va., and should be clearly marked for relief.

Dr. Sadler said the greatest mission opportunity on the continent of Europe at present is in Germany. "This is one way in which we can help the people of East Germany who have been victimized by the inroads of Communism," he said. "These people have come into West Germany by the hundreds, fleeing from circumstances which they believe to be intolerable. We are able to minister to them spiritually through making possible the erection of these chapels. By doing the work themselves, these people have been able to take a little money and make it go a long way."

Dr. Sadler said there are more than 10,000,000 refugees in West Germany who will be dependent on outside help for a long time to come. Three of the churches to be helped by March appropriations are located in Eastern Germany. Baptist relief work in Europe is headed by Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, president of the Baptist Theological Semi-

nary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland.

Southern Baptists have been helping German Baptists in their rehabilitation program since 1950; and to date financial aid has been given to about 50 churches for their building projects. An appropriation of \$65,070 for this purpose was made by the Relief Committee last November.

19 Missionaries Appointed

The Foreign Mission Board appointed 19 young people for overseas service at its March meeting. They are:

Ross B. Fryer, Jr., Texas, and Mary Lynn Baker Fryer, Arkansas, for Indonesia; Fred L. Hawkins, Jr., North Carolina, and Mariruth Barker Hawkins, Tennessee, for Brazil; Samuel L. Jones and Ona Knight Jones, both of Texas, for Southern Rhodesia; S. Judson Lennon and Harriett Orr Lennon, both of North Carolina, for Thailand; Dewey E. Mercer, Kentucky, and Ramona Hall Mercer, Tennessee, for Japan.

Harold E. Renfrow and Nona Baumgartner Renfrow, both of Missouri, for Brazil; Ancil B. Scull, Indiana, and Rubye Northcutt Scull, Oklahoma, for Indonesia; Lucy E. Wagner, Missouri, for Korea; William S. Wester, Georgia, and Blanche Clement Wester, Louisiana, for Southern Rhodesia; and Carl F. Yarnell, Jr., and Mary Elizabeth Pate Yarnell, both of Tennessee, for Malaya.

These appointments brought the Board's total number of active missionaries to 969 and they are the first of the approximately 100 expected during 1955.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, said following the appointment of the 19 young people that the outlook for the appointment of missionaries this year is the best in the history of the Foreign Mission Board. "Both from the standpoint of personnel and finances an all-time high has been reached in the foreign mission enterprise," he said.

Lottie Moon Offering

Everett L. Deane, treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, reported that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds which reached the Board during January and February, this year, increased \$129,309 over 1954.

Books on the Offering are closed on May 1 each year with everything coming in after that time being counted on the next year's total. Mr. Deane said: "If we receive as much money in March and April this year as was received during the same period in 1954, we will exceed last year's total of \$3,602,554."

Extending the Outreach

Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, said missionaries

Calvary, Yazoo City Has 24 Additions

The Calvary Church, Yazoo City, cooperated in the simultaneous revivals March 27 through April 3. Rev. Lincoln Newman, Lucedale, assisted the pastor, Rev. L. Carlos Radford. There were 18 professions of faith, six transfers of membership, and eight re-dedications. Rev. Arlis Hinson, student at Mississippi College, served as director of music.

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Successful Revival At Oak Grove

Oak Grove Church in Winston Association has just completed one of its best revivals. There were 12 additions, 9 professions of faith and 3 by letter. There was one who surrendered to the ministry and six young people to full-time Christian service. Several rededicated their lives. The Rev. Paul Wilson was the evangelist and the Rev. Hugh Smith is the Pastor. Clarence Rick was the music director.

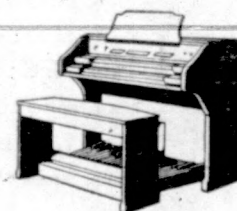
and nationals in several countries of the areas to which he is related wish to extend the borders of the outreach of the Board's work. From Nigeria there is the appeal for enlarged operations in the Moslem north. From Southern Rhodesia there is a plea that the missionaries be privileged to take an option on a site near Lake Nyasa.

Dr. Sadler said an interesting development in connection with Baptist work in Europe is related to the plans of Dr. and Mrs. John Allen Moore, formerly missionaries to Yugoslavia who have been with the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, since its inception. Dr. Moore serving as professor of church history and Mrs. Moore as a teacher of English.

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Sparks & Splinters

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Mary Lois Rice, Jackson; Myrna Sue Cliburn, Jackson; Rev. Montie A. Davis, Carson; Mrs. M. W. Tillman, West Point; Margaret Tillman, Columbus; Mattie Kimery, Durant; Rev. A. L. Goodson, Olive Branch.

ATLANTA, Ga. — (BP) — Newsweek, national weekly news magazine, says that Roy O. McClain, local Baptist minister, is among "The of the Greatest American Preachers." He is described in the magazine as "one of the most effective preachers in the Southern Baptist Convention." McClain is pastor of First Baptist Church here and a "Baptist Hour" radio speaker.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. H. J. Bennett, Byram; Phillip Tillman, Tillatoba; Jere Omar, Jackson; Roy Cheuning, Pensacola, Florida; Edwin Bailey, Meridian; Mrs. E. A. Bates, Leland; John Charles Yelton, Nashville, Tennessee; J. D. Hudson, Vance; Mary Jane Stokes, Silver Springs, Maryland; Diane Willoughby, Norfolk, Virginia; Leonora Lu Long, Hong Kong, China; Carolyn Bearden, Aulander, North Carolina; Connie Bendall, Norfolk, Virginia; Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, Blue Mountain.

Rev. Milford L. Young, former pastor of First Church, Childersburg, Alabama, is the new pastor at New Augusta Church, succeeding Rev. Aaron Foy, who resigned last November.

The May issue of the Sunday School Builder carries an interesting article by Mrs. G. C. Hodge of First Church, Biloxi. The article is entitled, "What I Expect Parents To Do For the Sunday School."

(BP) — If all Southern Baptists were to gather together in one place, it would take a city the size of New York City to accommodate them.

The Associated Press reported New York City with a current population of 8,050,000. Southern Baptists number 8,182,000.

Robert S. Denney, Associate in the Department of BSU Work of the Sunday School Board, is conducting a group on a tour of Europe and the Baptist World Alliance. He writes that he has seven or eight places open. Interested parties may write him at 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

The crisis of Southeast Asia "has shaken the old patterns and the people are ready for the gospel" there, J. Winston Crawley, Foreign Mission Board secretary for the Orient, reported recently. "This is the opportunity for Christian missions," he added.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (BP) — The Baptist World Alliance office here has announced it is not processing World Congress applications which come in after April 4. The office of General Secretary Arnold T. Ohrn said "it looks like we may have reached the end of the registrations." The Congress is scheduled in London in July.

The May issue of the Baptist Student carries a page write-up of the Baptist student of the month and names James Rogers of Delta State College as that student. At present he is serving as President of the Mississippi Baptist Student Union; President of the Student Body; and Music Chairman on his local BSU Council.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — (BP) — Joel Sorenson, youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church here. He will begin duties October 1. The Baptist World Congress, meeting in London, England, in July will select a successor. Sorenson has served as youth secretary since 1950.

Seventh-day Adventists in North America last year contributed an average of \$183.56 each for church work, an all-time high. The 1953 figure was \$181.57. Total offerings of nearly \$40 million included \$9,363,086 for foreign missions.

Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, La., recently received the library, consisting of several hundred volumes, of the late Dr. W. W. Crawford, of Hattiesburg, Miss. Mrs. Crawford was the donor.

Returning from a recent tour in Latin America, Frank K. Means, Foreign Mission Board secretary for Latin America, said Baptists needs there are for thirty-five to forty new missionaries and buying desirable property before it is no longer available.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Betty Daniel, Jackson; Florene Zylks, Jackson; Rev. J. B. Smith, Magee; Kenneth Wheeler, Merigold; Rev. Charles Everitt, Merigold; David Jones, Vicksburg; Duane McClung, Vicksburg; Laurence Beall, Vicksburg; Fred Tingle, Vicksburg; Edwin Harris, Vicksburg; Ernest Hill, Bovina; Wayne Harris, Bovina; J. Harold Jones, Vicksburg; Wesley Ellis, Clinton; Rev. O. C. Chance, Franklinton, Louisiana.

In Philadelphia, land has been purchased by the Home Mission Board preparatory to the construction of an Indian Center. Rev. and Mrs. Horace Fisher are general missionaries to the Indians in this area. An allocation was set aside in the 1955 Annie Armstrong Offering by the Woman's Missionary Union to build the Mississippi Indian Center.



Barbara Ann Ronnie

Shown above are Barbara Ann Blackwell, age 7, and Ronnie Blackwell, age 5, children of Mr. and Leon Blackwell of Tupelo.

Barbara Ann has just received her four-year pin for perfect attendance in Sunday School and Ronnie has received his two-year perfect attendance pin. They both attend Sunday School at First Church, Tupelo, where Rev. H. R. Holcomb is the pastor.

Sunday night, April 10, the Crosby Church licensed another of her fine young men to the gospel ministry. He is Philips Ray McCarty, son of Deacon and Mrs. E. E. McCarty of Crosby. Phil is a senior at the University of Mississippi and expects to graduate in June of this year. After serving a tour of duty in the U. S. Navy as a commissioned officer, he expects to enroll in the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for his seminary training. Rev. David J. Irby is pastor of the Crosby church.

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FORWARD WITH GOD

When God told Moses to tell the Children of Israel to "Go Forward" shortly after they made their departure from Egypt to Canaan, he did not mean to reflect on the distance they had already come.

What he did mean to tell them was that they had not gone far enough. Canaan was their destination, and they had made only a beginning on that long journey.

Likewise, when we think, talk, pray and plan for advance in our Sunday school program (or any phase of our work), it is no reflection on what has been done in days past, but it does mean that there are still other fields to take and other realms to achieve in the ever-moving program of the work of the Lord.

Last year was the greatest Southern Baptists ever had in a mighty Sunday school movement, having a net gain of more than six hundred thousand, yet we full well know that there are literally millions of people among us who have never named the name of Christ as their personal Saviour. We also know that our chances of reaching them for Christ are greatly improved if we get them in our Sunday schools.

About 85%, possibly more, of all our baptisms are Sunday school people. This does not mean, of course, that one cannot be saved unless he is in Sunday school, but it does mean that not many people are being saved who are not in Sunday school.

Therefore, let's redouble our efforts in this business of reaching more people for our schools. Add the new classes and the new departments and the new workers just as rapidly as possible, and the work will keep growing, as it has in the past. The same great fundamentals that have brought us thus far, will keep us going still if we will only use them wisely and well.

So, let us also "Go Forward."

MORE STANDARDS

These units have recently become Standard:

Holly Springs, Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor; L. P. Sigman, superintendent; Sunflower, Rev. L. J. Crumby, pastor; Drewry H. Ray, superintendent; Fishers, Adult class, Parkway, Jackson, V. K. Davidson, teacher; Fidelis, Adult class, Water Valley, Mrs. S. L. Perkins; Bible Study, Adult class, Alta Woods, Jackson, Mrs. Eva Wise, teacher.

We are indeed grateful to the leaders of all these units for the good work done.

PUPIL PARTICIPATION

"We learn to do by doing," so says the old adage, and it is right.

But, often in the Lord's work we seem to think that people learn to do by listening. Or, at least, by being present in a class.

Growth and development do not come through listening only, although that is helpful. One does not become a skilled musician by merely listening to a good musician play. Neither does one become a fine ball player by just watching the other boys play.

It is the active, definite participation in the task that aids one to grow and develop into a better and more useful worker. And that is just as true of us in the things spiritual as it is in other realms.

Therefore, whatever we may do in the way of organization, size of classes, etc. that will help us to secure more active pupil participation in the whole program is just that much more along the road toward achieving the ultimate goal of pupil development. Plans need to be made for active participation in the classes and departments. The teachers, as fine as they are, cannot do all the learning and developing for the pupils. They must, in the final analysis, do it themselves.

And many of them will if we will provide for them the opportunities for having a part. Many do not because they have no chance to do anything other than listen.

ANOTHER GOOD TESTIMONY

With the ever increasing demands upon us as pastors, we must be wise in our decisions as to how we use our time. The summer is usually filled and running over with duties, but we will do well to consider the gold mine of planned counsel and helps awaiting us at the Southwide Baptist Sunday School Conferences during July and August at Ridgecrest and Glorieta. These conferences are rapidly proving to be our greatest assets in Sunday School guidance.

Our Sunday Schools are our greatest potentials for reaching our people. Through these conferences, we will learn better how to tap those resources for the glory of God and for the undergirding of our churches.

May I say from my own experience, we do well to put one of these conferences in our summer schedule.

L. Parkes Marler, Pastor
Bethlehem Baptist Church
Forkville, Mississippi

Grenada, First Adds 101 In Revival

In what is described by many as the greatest revival in the history of First Church, Grenada, Dr. John W. Landrum, pastor, there were registered a total of 101 additions to the church.

These included 72 for baptism, and 29 by letter or statement. In addition to this there were 8 professions of faith not baptised, 78 rededications of lives, 8 young people surrendering for special Christian service, 25 young people renouncing publicly dancing in their Christian lives, 60 family altars established, and 200 husbands and wives publicly stating that Christ would have first place in their homes.

Dr. Landrum, in releasing a final statistical summary of the fifteen-day Revival Campaign, in which Dr. Bill Piper of Greenville, S. C. preached, and Ralph McGilvra of Battle Creek, Michigan led the music, stated that a total of 13,965 people heard Dr. Piper in person, with many thousands hearing by radio tape recordings. An average of 198 people heard him at the early morning services, with the largest crowd of 226 on the last Friday morning. In spite of heavy rain on Easter Sunday, three services were held with a total of 1890 people attending.

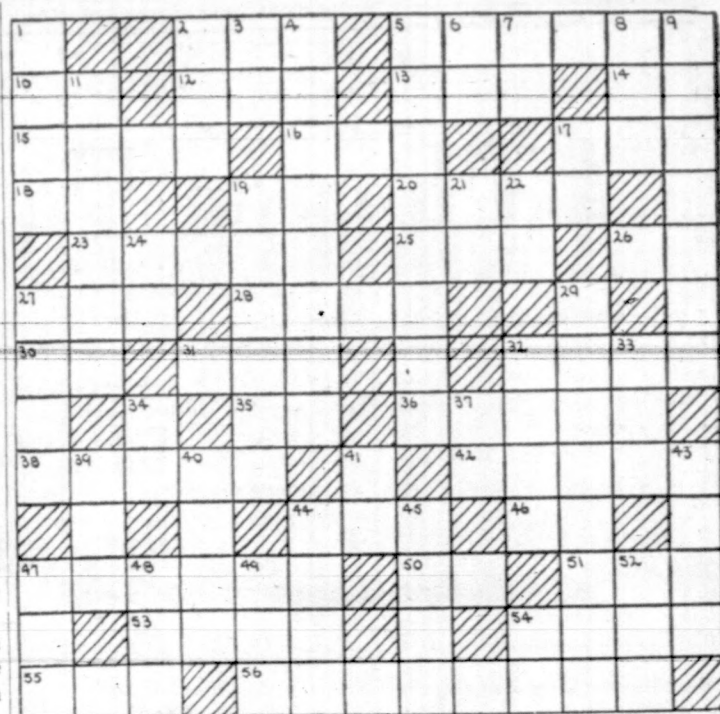
MC Chorale Choir To Sing At SBC Convention In Miami

The Mississippi College Chorale Choir has accepted an invitation to sing at the 1955 Southern Baptist Convention, meeting this year in Miami, Florida. The choir will be featured on the program Thursday morning, May 19.

Making every attempt to raise the entire amount necessary for the trip before it is time to leave, the choir has set up a special "Miami Trip Fund." Each member has pledged \$10 to the fund for which some \$500 has been collected. The trip will cost the group approximately \$1400 and each choir has to pay the total expenditures of the trip.

The choir is honored to receive the invitation because it has been the custom to feature only choirs from the large Baptist colleges throughout the Convention. But this year the best choirs from smaller denominational schools will be in the spotlight.

The choir is actually singing its way to Miami. All money received on concert tours will be used toward the \$1400 goal before they leave for Miami. They will sing at churches and schools enroute to Miami, also using the money received to help meet expenses. They will also accept gifts of money from anyone interested in seeing this group of young people make the trip.



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NO. 5

Luke 8 — Our text is 2, 5, 30, 31, 32, 55 and 56 combined

55 "... when the people were put forth" Matt. 9:25
56 See 30 across

ACROSS

- 2 "trouble not ... Master" :49
- 5 "the father and the mother of the ..." Mark 5:40
- 10 Chief Judge (abbr.)
- 12 Place in the northeast of Canaan Num. 34:11
- 13 "Why make ye this ..." Mark 5:39
- 14 Associate in Arts (abbr.)
- 15 "and took her by the ..." :54
- 16 Greek letter
- 17 Eldest son of Caleb I Chron. 4:15
- 18 East Indies (abbr.)
- 19 "she shall ... made whole" :50
- 20 "he commanded to ... her meat" :55
- 23 "he was a ... of the synagogue" :41
- 25 "all wept, and bewailed ..." :52
- 26 Exclamation of surprise
- 27 "And he ... them all out" :54
- 28 "he fell down at Jesus' ..." :41
- 30 and 56 across "the maid ... not dead, but ..." Matt. 9:24
- 31 "Fear ... believe only" :50
- 32 "Thy daughter is ..." :49
- 35 Right hand (abbr.)
- 36 The maid was ... d to life
- 38 "cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's ..." :49
- 42 "straightway the damsel ... and walked" Mark 5:42
- 44 Helvetia (abbr.)
- 46 Trade-union (abbr.)
- 47 "about ... years of age" :42
- 50 "suffered no man to go ... save" :51
- 51 Gross (abbr.)
- 53 Eastern continent (abbr.)
- 54 In comparison with

DOWN

- 1 Pain
- 2 Small child
- 3 Hawaiian Islands (abbr.)
- 4 "and ... in where the damsel was lying" Mark 5:40
- 5 "My little ... lieth at the point of death" Mark 5:23
- 6 Newspaper item
- 7 Month (abbr.)
- 8 Organ of hearing
- 9 "And they ... him to scorn" :53
- 11 "there came a man named ..." :41
- 17 Indian Empire (abbr.)
- 19 Sooner than
- 21 Same as 17 down
- 22 Verb reflexive (abbr.)
- 24 Western State (abbr.)
- 27 Gist
- 29 "and ... him that he would come into his house" :41
- 32 Soil
- 33 Bronze
- 34 Greek letter
- 37 Same as 14 across
- 39 Ower's risk of becoming wet (abbr.)
- 40 Salts
- 41 "as ... went the people thronged him" :42
- 43 Black
- 44 "that she may be ... ed" Mark 5:23
- 45 "lay thy hand upon her, and she shall ..." Matt. 9:18
- 47 Large vessel
- 48 "something should be given her to ..." Mark 5:43
- 49 Force
- 52 Hurrah
- 54 Topographical Engineer (abbr.)

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Bible Texts: II CHRONICLES 14-16.

INTRODUCTION

Asa's reforms, and the revival under Asa, are two terms either of which may be employed to describe what took place under Asa's leaderships during his reign as king over Judah. The word "revival" is on the tongue today of more people in the English speaking world than at any other time since the day of Dwight L. Moody.

Multiplied thousands across the sea are listening to the voice of the most popular evangelist in all the Christian centuries. In this country his hearers are so numerous a company that the largest baseball stadia are required to contain his congregations. It has been said of his work on the last day of his stay in England last year that he spoke in two services to 187,000 people, more people gathered to hear the gospel than ever appeared in one day in one city in the whole history of Great Britain or America.

A strange phenomena is this phenomena of revival! When it shall come cannot be predicted, nor why it comes when it does just how, we can not always determine, but we know from the gracious results of it when it does come that it is from the Lord. We are to study in these moments the history of a revival led by a good king of a back-slidden people.

But when we undertake this study we are faced with another wonder. Among the kings of Judah we find occasionally that a godly king has an extremely wicked father, and the other way round as well, a wicked king will have a godly father. Right here in this country we can find examples of godly fathers with sons that shame them, as sometimes we may find a son or daughter out of godless home leading lives that honor the Lord and enhance the glory of His name.

Asa was the third king to rule over Judah after the division of the united kingdom of Israel. Asa's father Ahijah walked in all the sins of his father, Rehoboam, which he had done before him. We can scarcely imagine a more unpromising rearing and breeding than Asa had. Such an example as his father set him! Such temptations as beset him in an idolatrous court, crowded by flatterers and panders, disgraced, debased, degraded by flocks of libertines and hordes of harlots.

The leading spirit of the court was a woman, a woman of high official position, of strong character, a granddaughter of Absalom, notorious for her fan-

atical idolatry, and, besides all else, the king's own mother! It is certainly a matter for delighted wonder that out of such an environment, with so much to make difficult the cultivation and development of a godly life, "Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord as did David his father."

Sometimes out of a reeking pool of stagnant filth God grows a cluster of queenly lilies as if in defiance of the devil's power to corrupt and render disgusting.

I. MOULDING FORCES FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

"Azariah, the son of Oded." And who were these two, Azariah and Oded, father and son? They were men of the prophets of the Lord about the royal court, and they were not alone. Others of their sort were about there also. How came they there? Jehovah sent them. How did they stay there in that wicked court and in spite of the wicked queen? The Lord Jehovah kept them there.

Is it too much, think you, to suppose that men of their kind might have had much to do with the molding of the character of Asa? Nay, had there been but one of them and that one become the associate and friend of the prince, that one under God would have been enough. It does not require a regiment of advisers to set right the attitude of heart of a sincere young man or young woman. The refining, molding influence of one devoted life upon another only the Almighty can measure.

We sometimes speak of man as the creature of his environment, and there is great reason to accept this judgment, but the same environment may have totally different effects upon two different people who may be subjected to it. In the home of a drunkard and wastrel there sometimes grows another drunkard and wastrel, while his brother reacts differently to the bad influences of the home and becomes a fine man, a witness for the right and a humble and devoted servant of the Lord.

I have little doubt that Asa grew to have a disgust and loathing for the impurities of the royal court. I am just as certain that Jehovah's prophet found the heart of the lad and helped him to stand against the wiles of the devil as they were spread in the path of the prince in his home.

II. EFFECTS OF A FAMINE OF THE WORD OF GOD

"For a long season Israel hath been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without the law." One does not have to ask the result. The nation had declined in every feature that makes one truly great or really blest. The God-forsaking land is the God-forsaken land. And that describes the Judah to the throne of which young Asa came.

III. ASA'S ALLY IN THE LORD

State B.S.U. Council Elected at Retreat Last Week-end



Of course Asa had enemies! Any man or woman who strives to live right will have. Of course Judah under Asa had enemy nations! Any nation that strives to do the will of God will have. These enemy nations of Judah lay to the south, Ethiopia and Egypt. One of the kings of these countries marshaled his horde and marched north with the purpose of overwhelming Judah; but Jehovah! Asa had made friends with Him, and the outcome of the battle was a foregone conclusion. Asa fought, but only in defense. Asa won by the help of Jehovah. And to Jehovah Asa offered the spoils of his successful war.

IV. REVIVALS BEFORE AND AFTER

The very best preparation for the meeting of a crisis is a revival. Asa led in such a movement before the test of resistance to an invading army came. The preparation for this revival included the casting out of the idols with which Maacha had caused Jerusalem to be filled. To cast forth the wicked and thus to make room for the good is the normal process in any revival.

Drop the wicked thing that is in your grasp that you may catch and hold the good.

Cast the spirit of the devil out of your heart that the Spirit of the Lord may have room to enter and occupy.

Remove the abomination of desolation from the midst of the people that the altar of the Lord may have room and right to rule. Asa did this, and Jehovah led Asa forth to victorious battle.

And after the shock of battle was over and the long pursuit of the enemy had ended, Asa's victorious army came home loaded with the spoils of

PREACHING ON BIBLE CHARACTERS (Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan, \$2.50) is written by Faris Daniel Whitesell, Professor of Practical Theology, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago. Designed to deal with the practice of preaching as well as with its basic principles, the book includes chapters on the advantages of preaching on Bible characters, organizing Bible character sermons, on seven great Bible character preaching, fifty suggested sermon series on Bible characters, four hundred names of Bible characters for sermonic use (alphabetically arranged and classified), and a bibliography on Bible characters (250 titles). Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher.

war. Before them marched their leader. The people had called upon Him to lead, and He had led to victory. Another revival now, a revival of Thanksgiving.

Puzzle Answers

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Standing, left to right; Harold Gully, Pearl River Junior College, B. S. U. Directors Representative; Jack Hunt, Mississippi Southern College, Enrollment Chairman; Dr. James E. Southland, Oxford, Pastor Adviser; Charles W. Horner, Jackson, State B. S. U. secretary; Bryant Reed, Mississippi State College, Social Chairman; Jesse White, Delta State, Faculty Adviser.

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Children's Page

Kathy Makes New Friends

By MARGARET GOOD GREGORY

Kathy's heart beat fast. She and Mother were on their way to school. That is exciting any time but it is even more exciting when you are going to school in America for the very first time.

Kathy was really an American but she had been living in Japan with her family while Daddy was in the army. They had just come home on a big ocean liner and the fall term had already begun.

All the while Kathy walked her heart beat faster and faster and she kept wondering about many things. What would her second-grade room be like and who would be her teacher? Would the boys and girls be friendly to a new child?

Now they were at the school and Mother was taking her to the principal's office to be enrolled.

When she looked up, she saw the smiling kindly face of Mrs. Wallace, the principal.

"Kathy, I would like to hear about some of your happy times at school in Japan," said Mrs. Wallace.

Kathy began telling her about school days in Japan as together they walked down the long hall toward the second-grade room.

Because the school had grown so large the second-grade class was using a small library room, but it was light and cheerful.

There were large windows on two sides and rows and rows of books on the other sides. That made it seem cozy, too.

Kathy met Miss Carter, the teacher, who gave her a brand-new little desk which just fitted her. She had never had a little desk like this before and she liked sitting close to the front of the room. School in America was going to be fun!

Then Miss Carter introduced her to the class, saying, "Boys and girls, this is Kathy, who has just come back from Japan."

"Good morning, Kathy," the children replied.

"We're glad you're going to be in our room," said a girl sitting in front of Kathy.

"Kathy, can you sing a Japanese song for us?" asked Robert.

Kathy was glad she had learned those little Japanese lullabies and she sang them right off without a mistake! The children clapped their hands and asked her to sing them again. But just then the bell rang for recess.

Kathy found many new friends to play with. Mary Ellen wanted to take her to the swings and Margie asked her to play ball with her on the playground. This really was a nice school!

Before Kathy went home that

afternoon Miss Carter said, "Kathy, we would like to invite your mother to come to visit us and tell us about life in Japan. Do you think she would do that for us?"

Kathy was most happy now. She thought of all the lovely things that Mother had packed in the trunks to bring to America. Maybe she would bring some of the big collection of Sandai dolls to show the children, and the red silk kimonos and obis, the gaily decorated fans, the pretty toys and dishes, and even some little cooking pans and a charcoal burner like the one used for cooking in Japan.

She would ask Mother, too, if she could give each of the girls in the room one of the little pink carved rings they had bought when they had been shopping together one day. What a splendid surprise that would be for her new friends! Oh, she could hardly wait to go home and tell Mother the good news.

It was wonderful to go to school in America! Simply wonderful!

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The Gay Travelers

By FRANCES TOWER

Won't you come for a ride with us?
The kitchen chairs will be our bus!

David is driver:
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So, please won't you come for a ride with us?

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ANIMAL DART GAME

By PANSY McCARTY

Animal darts is fun to play. You can have a lot of fun making the darts and the dart board for the game, too.

HOW TO MAKE A DART BOARD

Draw a large circle on a heavy piece of cardboard. Then draw a smaller circle in the center. Now divide the outer circle into seven parts. Color the center and each of the other sections a different color with crayons. Mark the number of each part with a black crayon, as shown in the picture. Cut pretty, colored pictures of eight different animals from magazines and glue on the board as the picture shows.

HOW TO MAKE A DART

Clip the head from a straight pin and push the blunt end into one end of a used match stem. Be sure that the pin is far enough in to hold firmly. (ask Daddy to help you with this.) Split the opposite end of the match stem about one-fourth inch. Then take two narrow strips of colored paper, each about one inch long, and slip them into the slit. Bend the ends of the paper strips in opposite directions, as the picture shows. This will form a rudder for the dart. Make three of these darts.

HOW TO PLAY THE GAME

Each player tosses three darts for one turn, trying to hit the animal pictures with the highest numbers. If a dart does not stick in a picture and stay, no score is made for that dart. Continue taking turns until someone scores fifty points to win the game.

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tive, colorful, and inspiring book for children written by Dena Korfker and illustrated by Lou Mahacek. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan (\$1.95). The contents include "A Baby Is Born"; "A Boy In Nazareth"; "Getting Ready For A Great Work"; "Jesus the Wonder Worker"; "Jesus, the Great Teacher"; "By the Sea of Galilee"; "A visit to Jerusalem"; "Dark Days"; "The Road That Leads To Glory."

Carey Students Serve During 1955 Crusade

Twenty-eight students of Carey College reported that they had served in various capacities in 26 churches in the simultaneous revivals which were recently held in the churches in the State.

Students directing the music and their respective place of service include: Arlis Nichols, Enterprise; Bill Mitchell, West Poplarville; David Larrimore, Immanuel—Hattiesburg; Fred Hurst, Calvary — Ellisville; James Watson, First and Fairview — Indianola; Bill Page, Chunky—New Hope; and Betty Jo Flowers, Carterville — Hattiesburg.

The following girls served as pianists: Vivian Smith, Carterville — Hattiesburg; Jane Brigrance, Immanuel — Hattiesburg; and Jean Taylor, Pecan Grove — Ellisville.

Students serving as soloists include: Marvin Brown, Irene Chapel — Hattiesburg; Joyce Reid, Bobby Harris, and Billy Crosby, Pecan Grove — Ellisville; Cliff Padgett, Fort Bayou, Ocean Springs.

The thirteen students serving as evangelists and their respective churches include: Rustam Zal, Green's Creek — Petal; Kenneth Ball, Arlington and Unity; Donald Ladner, Riverside — Long Beach; Robert McNamee, Shifalo — Kiln and Napoleon — Picayune; V. R. Sumrall, Unity — Greene County; Billy Johnson, Ovett; Sidney Murphy, Fort Bayou, Ocean Springs; J. E. Parker, Bethel — Perry County and

Dr. Odle Leads Greenwood Revival

Dr. Joe T. Odle, Pastor of First Church, Gulfport, was the evangelist for the revival at Calvary Church, Greenwood, March 27-April 6. Thirty-five people united with the church during this time—15 on profession of faith and 20 by letter. There were eight re-dedications.

Goals for attendance were set for April 3. The Sunday School goal of 601 was met with 785 in attendance on that Sunday. Every department either met or went over its goal. On April 10 635 people came to Sunday School. J. L. Lary, Jr. is Sunday School Superintendent.

In Training Union a goal of 250 was set. Each union built church houses with each person present signing a brick on the building. Sixteen of the nineteen churches were completed with an attendance of 276. Mrs. O. E. Gore is Training Union Director.

Ernest Boling, Jr., Minister of Music for the church, led the singing. Rev. Dan A. Morton is pastor and Mrs. Mark Hunter is the Educational Secretary.

Corinth — Lamar County; W. A. Fordham, Mars Hill — Hattiesburg, Shifalo — Kiln, and Fairfield—Hattiesburg; Athens McNeil, Brewer — Richton; Howard Davis, Irene Chapel—Hattiesburg; Harry Howard, Pecan Grove — Ellisville and Holly Springs; Hoyte Nelson, Liberty — Winston County.

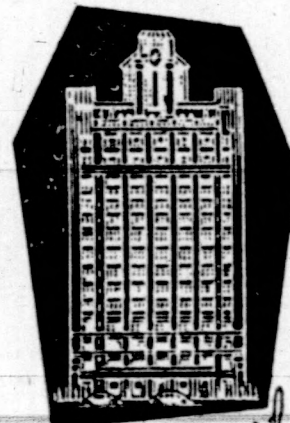
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Churches Have Many Plans To Reach Goal In Baptist Hospital Enlargement Drive

One hundred and seventeen churches have reported a potential \$68,118 to date in state-wide contributions to the Mississippi Baptist Hospital Building Fund Campaign. A whirlwind tour of the state, made last week by campaign officials who contacted key pastors of nine Districts, revealed that a great many pastors are ready now to present the question of participation in the campaign to their churches inasmuch as the simultaneous revivals are over in the state.

An interesting sidelight on the Campaign is the many ways pastors and churches have evolved to participate. Some churches are simply putting their suggested quota — which is half of their last year's Co-operative Giving amount — in their annual budgets in three equal parts over the next three years which is the campaign payment period; others are accepting the suggested quotas or parts thereof by having special offerings on three "Hospital Sundays" throughout the next three years; others are having a "Hospital Sunday" this year and putting the balance of their suggested quota in the budget for the next two years; others will have offerings for three years and put the remainder, not so raised, in the budget the fourth year; and two or three churches, in a desire to accept the full suggested quota, have asked permission to put the amount in equal parts in this budget for the next four or five years, which would enable them, in some cases, to do more than the suggested quota.

Since the last report, the following churches have sent in signed Church Pledge Cards: Rev. L. B. Simmons, New Fellowship Church, Hickory; Rev. Hansel Russell, Old Union Church, Belmont; Rev. Ray Walters, Amite River Church, Liberty; Rev. E. S. Flynt, West Gulfport Church, Gulfport; Rev. Joseph T. Nail, Big Creek Church, Big Creek; Mrs. E. K. Merritt, Treasurer, New Concord Church, Rose Hill; Rev. Wallace Pannell, Martin Church, New Albany; Rev. M. V. Owings, Prairie; Rev. B. J. Broome, Pace Church, Pace; Rev. P. D. Bragg, Oregon Church, Lexington; Rev. Mack P. Jones, McLain Church, McLain; Rev. George Threadgill, Sharon Church, Long Beach; Rev. Leslie W. Dodson, Egypt Church, Egypt; Rev. A. Sidney Johnston, Saratoga Church, Magee; Rev. A. Sidney Johnston, Phalti Church, Prentiss; Rev. Joe H. Stovall, Jr., Rosedale Church, Rosedale; Rev. M. P. Jones, Pope Church, Pope; Rev. Charles Barnes, Rolling Creek Church, Quitman; Rev. L. E. Lambert, Center Hill Church; Rev. M. V.

Owings, Quincy Church, Quincy; Rev. M. P. Jones, Liberty Hill Church, Courtland; L. S. Wright, Treasurer, First Church, Corinth; Rev. H. V. Bryant, East Church, Louisville; Rev. Frank W. Rush, Enterprise Church, West Enterprise; Rev. H. C. Burns, Crystal Ridge Church, Louisville; Rev. Judson Chastain, Brewer Church, Richton; Rev. A. W. Talbert, Macedonia Church, Brookhaven; Rev. W. S. Allen, First Church, Pass Christian; Rev. R. L. Johnson, Tusculumbia Church, Corinth; Rev. Guy C. Futral, Jr., Ebenezer Church, Ebenezer; Rev. J. A. Cothen, Temple Church, Petal; Rev. Evon Williams, Riverside Church, Monroeville; Rev. V. W. Malley, Harrisville Church, Harrisville; Rev. P. H. Young, Spring Hill Church, Knoxville; Rev. P. H. Young, Union Church, Roxie; Rev. V. W. Malley, Braxton Church, Braxton; Rev. Harvey L. Jones, Harmony Church; Rev. P. D. Bragg, First Church, Lexington; Dr. W. C. Fields, First Church, Yazoo City.

The following churches have indicated participation at a later date: Willie Mobley, First Church, Booneville; Rev. Don P. Harbuck, Van Cleave Church, Van Cleave; O. T. Ray, First Church, Pontotoc.

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Film Committee Asks For Extension

(By the Baptist Press)

The Baptist Film Committee will ask the Southern Baptist Convention, which appointed it, for a year's continuation so that it can confer with other Baptist groups at the Baptist World Congress in London, England, in July.

The committee, over which Louie D. Newton, pastor, Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., is chairman, was appointed last year to consider production of films on outstanding Baptist personalities.

In asking for extended life, the committee will tell the Convention, in annual session in Miami, Fla., in May, that it has found "definite interest" in the project from other Baptist groups in the United States and Canada.

The results of conferences with other world Baptist organizations in London would be reported to the Southern Baptist Convention in its 1956 session at Kansas City, Mo. Conferences would consider the production of some major Baptist motion picture.

The committee also will say that it "has learned with much satisfaction of plans now under way . . . to produce histori-

Lawrence Assoc. Reports On Revivals

Rev. Hoyte E. Nelson, moderator of the Lawrence Association, reports that many of the twenty-two churches of the association sponsored revival meetings during the simultaneous crusade in March.

A Youth Revival was held in the Antioch church where the pastor, Rev. Burt E. Lewis, was assisted by Rev. John Compere, ministerial student at Mississippi College, who was the evangelist. There were 5 additions by letter, 2 by baptism, 6 rededications, and one surrender for full-time Christian service.

At the Bethel church near Monticello, Rev. James E. King, assisted the pastor, Rev. Hoyte E. Nelson.

Rev. S. R. Pridgen was guest preacher for the services at the New Hope church where Rev. R. E. Jones is pastor. Youth Week was also observed by this church.

The Crooked Creek church where Rev. M. R. Bradley is the pastor sponsored a successful meeting, and at the Oakvale church Rev. Charlie Bryant, pastor of the Hickory Flat church, assisted the pastor, Rev. I. L. Northcutt, in a meeting.

The Calvary church where Rev. C. L. Boland is pastor, co-operated by sponsoring a successful meeting.

At the Arm church, where Rev. S. R. Pridgen is pastor, Rev. Guy C. Futral, Jr., of Mississippi College, was guest preacher for the Youth Revival services.

Rev. Wilburn Matthews, pastor of the Wanilla church, did the preaching for the revival meeting at this church and Rev. Spurgeon Gibbins of New York State and New Orleans Seminary was song leader.

There were four additions by baptism and eight by rededications during the meeting in the Jayess church where Rev. W. J. Hemby is pastor.

The Topeka and Providence churches, where Rev. O. C. Chance is pastor, were among churches sponsoring meetings with fine results.

cal films that will emphasize our distinctive Baptist beliefs and witness." The films to which the committee is referring are being planned by the Southern Baptist Sunday School and Foreign Mission Boards.

The committee report will say that other Southern Baptist agencies also may consider producing similar films, and that it wants to co-operate in producing the historical films.

"We are happy to report that our agencies have indicated their full purpose to coordinate their productions and thus avoid any possible overlapping or duplication," the report will state.



CONVENTION OFFICERS — Officers of the Southern Baptist Convention who will be in charge during the annual session at Miami, Fla., in May are, top row, left to right, J. W. Storer, president; Homer G. Lindsay, first vice-president; James W. Merritt, senior secretary; Oliver R. Shields, second vice-president; bottom row, left to right, Joe W. Burton, secretary; Porter W. Routh, executive secretary and treasurer; Ramsey Pollard, chairman of Pastors' Conference, and Forrest H. Heeren, director of music.

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Churches Build More, Borrow More During Past Year

(By the Baptist Press)

Southern Baptist churches were busy constructing many new buildings last year but they also were getting further into debt than ever before.

This picture is seen in a report of Southern Baptist churches prepared by the Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information of the Sunday School Board.

The financial picture and other Southern Baptist statistics will be published in the 1955 **Southern Baptist Handbook**. The Handbook should be ready for distribution at the Southern Baptist Convention session in Miami, Fla.

The debt of Southern Baptist churches more than doubled in 1954, reaching the highest ever recorded at \$138,349,754. The rise may be considered significant since between 1952 and 1953, church debts increased only 17.6 per cent.

The office of J. P. Edmunds, head of the statistical department, said that debts in 1953 were \$67,663,824.

Paralleling this increase is a rise in the worth of property of the 29,899 Southern Baptist churches. Last year, property of these churches was worth one and one-sixth billion dollars, a 13.9 per cent increase over the 1953 valuation.

The amount which churches rose in value in 1954 was fixed at \$142,256,924, the greatest recorded increase in a year's time.

In percentage terms the 13.9 per cent increase was far below the 22.8 per cent gain in property values from 1947 to 1948. However, the actual monetary increase between those years was only \$83,000,000.

Other facts gleaned from the new report are:

Southern Baptists now number 8,169,491. They gave \$305,573,654 to all causes last year, including \$52,926,157 to missions and benevolences. Based on total contributions, per capita giving was \$2.04 greater than it was in 1953.

More Baptists took part in soul-winning during 1954 than they did the two years before. It took 20.6 Baptists to lead one person to Christ last year compared with 21.8 in 1953 and 21.5 in 1952.

Gains in Sunday School enrollment, church membership, Vacation Bible School enrollment, Training Union enrollment, Brotherhood membership, and Woman's Missionary Union membership were recorded.

There was a greater increase in non-resident church members than in resident members in 1954.

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New Hope Has Good Revival

New Hope Church, Drew, reports that there were eight additions in their recent revival meeting, six for baptism and two by letter. There were 20 rededications.

Rev. R. B. Patterson, Iuka, was the evangelist.

Rev. J. H. Sherman is the pastor.

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